(b) if so, the kind of incentives proposed to be given for its promotion and development in different States of the country; and

(c) what have been the achievements of efforts made by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for various projects every year including the projects relating to cultural and spiritual tourism in the country.

(c) During the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Department of Tourism sanctioned 1563 projects involving an amount of Rs. 372.43 crores to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism projects out of which 571 projects have been completed.

Pani Panchayats in Orissa

756. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects both externally and internally aided, proposed to be included during the Tenth Five Year Plan for the State of Orissa, giving areas that would be covered for irrigation;

(b) the on-going projects expected to be completed during the Plan period;

(c) whether certain Pani Panchayats are controlled, managed and run by all women; if so, the details thereof with success achieved in Orissa State, as reported in the New Indian Express dated the 21st January, 2003; and

(d) whether such unique projects are also running in other States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.